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# 11th Annual Buffalo Niagara Ambassador Awards

Buffalo State College Hospitality and Tourism Department

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11th Annual  
Buffalo Niagara  
Ambassador Awards

“Cultural Bridges”



April 28, 2005  
Burchfield-Penney Art Museum  
at Buffalo State College



## The Ambassador Award

The Buffalo Niagara Hospitality Ambassador Award recognizes a hospitality professional for his or her achievements and contributions to the field in the Buffalo Niagara region.

### Previously Honored Ambassadors

2004

**Paul A. Tokasz**, New York State Assemblyman  
**Burt Notarius**, Owner, Premier Group

2003

**Mark Halter**, President, Kissing Bridge Corporation  
**David Hart**, President & CEO, Hart Hotels Inc.  
**David Lacki**, Director of Tourism, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau

2002

**Dennis DiPaolo**, Owner & Operator, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant  
**Mel Florczak**, Past Director, Buffalo Convention Center  
**Raul Sartini**, Retired Club Manager, Brookfield Country Club

2001

**Daniel R. Franklin**, General Manager, The Buffalo Club  
**Irwin Pastor**, President, Pepsi-Cola Buffalo Bottling Corp  
**Stan Rydelek**, President, Niagara Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau

2000

**Marguerite Hambleton**, President & CEO, AAA of Western and Central New York  
**Jeremy M. Jacobs, Jr.**, Executive Vice President, Delaware North Company  
**Janet Overdorf**, Director, Southtowns Nutritional Services, Mercy/OLV Hospital

1999

**Richard S. Geiger**, President & CEO, Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau  
**Robert E. Rich, Jr.**, President, Rich Products Corporation  
**Donald P. Spasiano**, Chairman, Department of Food Service Administration and Restaurant Management, Erie Community College

1998

**Frank Gennuso**, Vice President, Equipment and Design, Buffalo Hotel Supply  
**Jean McDonnell Covelli**, The Travel Team, Inc  
**Linda Mocny**, Food Service Director, Mount St. Mary's

1997

**Robert Blanchard**, Chairman, Hospitality Department, Johnson & Wales University  
**Ilio DiPaolo Family**, Ilio DiPaolo Restaurant and Ringside Lounge  
**Russell Salvatore**, Owner, Salvatore's Italian Gardens

1996

**Mark La Martina**, President, US Food Service  
**Rudi Rainer**, General Manager, Radisson Hotels and Suites  
**Mark Wright**, Chief Executive Chef, Transit Valley Country Club

1995

**James Bedard**, President, Buffalo Hotel Supply Company, Inc  
**Louis Billitier**, Owner, Chef's Restaurant  
**James Geiger**, President, Four Seasons/Country Kitchens

## Schedule of Events

### Welcome Remarks

Dr. Kevin Mulcahy, Chairperson  
Hospitality and Tourism Department

### "Cultural Bridges"

#### Keynote Address

David Rosenwasser  
President and CEO, Niagara Tourism  
and Convention Corporation

### Student Awards

Hospitality and Tourism Department Faculty

### 2005 Hospitality Ambassador Award

The Honorable Senator Mary Lou Rath  
District 61

New York State Senate  
Buffalo State College Distinguished Alumnus

### Closing Remarks

Shetice Newell and Shayna Raichilson-Zadok  
General Managers of Ambassador Awards Event  
Hospitality and Tourism Students

## Reception and Dinner

Campus House  
Cash Bar, Cordials & Cocktails  
Gourmet Station Dinner



# Buffalo State College

## Hospitality and Tourism Graduates

### 2005

Natalie Andrees\*  
 Jamie Bellamore\*  
 Rachel Boyce  
 Safiya Brewley\*  
 Jennifer Bittenger  
 Cassie Costanzo\*  
 Daniel DiPirro  
 Kelly Dolan  
 Paul Everett  
 Meggan Fox  
 Monique Granados  
 Kerrisa Hajt  
 Shaundel Hall  
 Melissa Holland  
 Adam Horvath  
 Cheryl Keyes  
 Theresa Keyes  
 Adam LaBruna  
 Michelle Longley

Amanda Minotti\*  
 Anna Mulderig\*  
 Melissa Mule\*  
 Erin Naughton  
 Shetice Newell\*  
 Lisa O'Connell  
 Mariko Osawa\*  
 Eric Paner\*  
 Neil Pecka\*  
 Brian Poturalski\*  
 Dewanda Sabbs  
 Fatuma Salongo  
 John Sawyer\*  
 Courtney Smith  
 Lauren Solak  
 Katie Whalen  
 Kimberly Whitlam\*  
 Eric Zitzka

\* Senior managers involved in planning the Ambassador Awards event

### The Ambassador Awards Dinner

#### Student Managers

Rachel Andolina  
 Parry Barker  
 Julie Bidell  
 Venessa Caldarella  
 Krista Constantino  
 David Cultrara  
 Marysa Flynn  
 Lindsay Gleason  
 Brendan Gormley  
 Roni Hellerer  
 Joseph Hermann  
 Keith Kear

Josh Ketry  
 Michelle Kline  
 Zachary Korzelius  
 Justin Lamprecht  
 Marcia Lino  
 Nicholas Markel  
 Marcus Moses  
 Nathan Muka  
 Caitlin Orrange  
 Rachel Pajak  
 Brian Pimm

Shayna Raichilson -  
 Zadok  
 Allison Riffel  
 Jennifer Ristine  
 Shannon Ruth  
 Andrea Shultz  
 John Smigiel  
 Kathryn Turner  
 Franco Vitale  
 Ellen Wise  
 Caroline Woodworth  
 Rebecca Woodworth